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(C) Further to reftel read-out on the May 26 visit to Indonesia by Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister Mahmud Al-Zahar, Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda told the Ambassador June 1 that he had been surprised by the rigidity of Al-Zahar's "hard-line positions." Wirajuda said he urged the Palestinians to resume peaceful negotiations, but Al-Zahar dismissed this possibility and stated that the Oslo accord and subsequent interim agreements were not relevant: Al-Zahar went so far as to characterize such agreements "not as a peace process, but a process to tear" Palestine into pieces." Wirajuda attributed at least part of Al-Zahar's attitude to an anecdote Al-Zahar told about the bombing of his house by an Israeli F-16 that killed his 23 year-old son and injured his wife and daughter. Wirajuda claimed to have advocated peaceful Palestinian-Israeli negotiations at the recent NAM Ministerial. He confirmed that PA President Mahmoud Abbas would likely visit Indonesia in June.

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